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Council Present: Mayor Laurence Cherchi, Councilwoman Dwarica,
Councilwoman Heveran, Councilwoman Mitrani, Councilman
Puzzo, Council President Ryan,

Also Present: *Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, David Russo, Borough Attorney
Ken Job, Borough Engineer, Bud Jones, Borough Auditor*

Mayor Laurence Cherchi called the meeting to order.

OPEN MEETING STATEMENT

PRESENTATION

Fieldwork on the streets to be done with Borough funds will begin shortly. Construction should commence early fall.

Glenwood Avenue water problem has been addressed to the satisfaction of both property owners. 239 Glenwood will hire an engineer that will design a drainage system to pipe

the water into a town storm drain that is about 100 feet away. The owner of 235 Glenwood will run his sump pump into this line or will reroute this pump so it will no longer go over land. Councilman Ryan asked if this could be a broken pipe up on Linden. Mr. Job said, they dye tested the pipe and the dye came through the pipe in minutes. Councilman Ryan asked what if this does not solve the problem. Mr. Job explained why this would solve the problem.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Acting Fire Chief John Dunn spoke to the Governing Body regarding the Rescue Truck. The Fire Department saves this town at least a million dollars a year maybe double that.

Mayor Cherchi responded to the comments by Acting Fire Chief Dunn.

Mayor Cherchi pulled the Resolution to introduce the 2005 Municipal Budget until after the Borough Auditor makes a report.

A Presentation on the 2005 Municipal Budget was made by Mr. Bud Jones, Borough Auditor. Mr. Jones explained to the Council why he was recommending that a Cap Bank Ordinance be Introduced.

RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Heveran pulled Resolutions 05-126, 128, 120, Mayor Cherchi pulled 124 and 125

A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo seconded by Council to approve Resolutions 05-118, 05- 119, 05-121 through 05-123 and 05-127 through 05- 130. Roll call vote Councilpersons Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani, Puzzo and Ryan voted yes. Resolutions approved.

Resolution 05-120 Mayor Cherchi explained that this Resolution is needed to pay bills and Borough employees. Councilwoman Heveran asked what the Legal Expenses were Borough Clerk explained. A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica seconded by Councilman Ryan to approve Resolution 05-120 Roll Call vote Councilpersons Dwarica, Mitrani and Ryan voted yes Councilpersons Heveran and Puzzo voted no. Resolution not approved (4 votes required)

Resolution 05-124 and 125 Mayor would like to have the Resolution amended contingent on the approval of the Borough Administrator. A discussion was held regarding having the Labor Attorney review the Resolutions. A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica to amend the Resolutions seconded by Councilwoman Mitrani . Councilwoman Dwarica withdrew her motion, Councilwoman Mitrani withdrew her second. A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo seconded by Councilwoman Mitrani to hold the resolutions until the meeting of May 9, 2005. All in favor none opposed.

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94 Resolution 05-126 Mayor Cherchi explained the request by the Board of Education
95 Councilwoman Heveran questioned the number of children involved and has the Board of
96 Education spoken to St. John's as they also use Kingsley. Mayor Cherchi explained the
97 portion of Kingsley that to be utilized is Christie Heights to Kingsley. It will be two
98 separate areas. Councilwoman Heveran asked if we are no longer required to make a
99 decision regarding this. Councilman Puzzo asked if anyone has contacted the residents.
100 Mayor Cherchi said the local residents are allowed to pass the barriers. Councilman
101 Puzzo feels that the residents should be notified before the road is closed, he would also
102 like to know the numbers of children. Councilman Puzzo is concerned about the amount
103 of trash, also concerned about the liability to the homeowners. Mayor Cherchi contacted
104 the Police Department for their review. The Police Department had no issues with the
105 closure of the road. The two letters are conflicting one says lunchtime and one says
106 physical education classes Councilwoman Heveran would like a clarification as to which
107 activity it will be used for. She is also concerned about the number of children, insurance
108 and liability. Mayor is not even sure any action needs to be taken per our ordinance.
109 Councilwoman Dwarica noted that Reverend Traudt graciously agreed. Mayor Cherchi
110 feels that just allow the closure and notify the resident. Councilwoman Dwarica would
111 like clarification as to what activity it will be used for, and the supervision of the
112 children. Councilman Ryan agreed with the other members of the Council. This will be
113 held until the next meeting.

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115 Resolution 05-128 - Authorizing the Borough Administrator to work from Home
116 Councilwoman Heveran asked for how long the resolution will be in effect.
117 Mayor Cherchi explained it depends on her health situation.

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119 Councilman Puzzo is not opposed to allowing her to work from home. Councilman
120 Puzzo would like to know from either the Borough Attorney or the Labor Attorney the
121 legality of this. Councilman Puzzo feels we need to set a time limit. Borough Attorney
122 feels that a time limit should be added to the resolution. You can always extend the time
123 if necessary. A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo to put a time limit on the
124 resolution to run through the month of May seconded by Councilwoman Dwarica,
125 Councilwoman Heveran expressed concern about the time limit and about setting a
126 precedent for the future. Councilwoman Dwarica suggested it be changed to two weeks.
127 Mayor Cherchi suggested making it the first meeting in June. Borough Attorney said "it
128 is sunset when a date is added to the resolution." Roll Call vote Councilperson Dwarica,
129 Mitrani, Puzzo and Ryan voted yes. Councilwoman Heveran would like it for two weeks
130 she voted no. Motion carried.

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132 Vote on Resolution 05-128 a motion was made by Councilman Puzzo seconded by
133 Councilwoman Mitrani. Roll call vote Councilpersons Dwarica, Mitrani, Puzzo, Ryan
134 voted yes. Councilwoman Heveran voted no. Councilman LaBianco was absent.

139 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

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141 Introduction of Bond Ordinance 06-05 entitled:

142 **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS**
143 **IMPROVEMENTS TO SYLVAN PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF**
144 **LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO**
145 **APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$70,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO**
146 **MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE**
147 **ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE**
148 **ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

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150 **Borough Clerk Read the Ordinance by Title**

151 **Borough Clerk Explained to the Governing Body why this Ordinance**
152 **was being re-introduced.**

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154 A motion made by Councilperson Puzzo seconded by Councilperson
155 Dwarica to Re-Introduce Bond Ordinance 06-05

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157 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo, voted Yes.
158 Councilman LaBianco was absent. Ordinance re-introduced.

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160 Introduction of Bond Ordinance 08-05 entitled:

161 **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF MAGNOLIA**
162 **PLACE AND BEECHWOOD PLACE IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF**
163 **LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO**
164 **APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$288,018 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO**
165 **MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO**
166 **FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE**
167 **OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF**
168 **SUCH BONDS.**

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170 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**

171 **Mayor Cherchi gave a brief explanation of the Ordinance**

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173 A motion made by Councilperson Puzzo seconded by Councilperson Dwarica to
174 Introduce Bond Ordinance 08-05.

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176 Councilman Ryan questioned Resolution 05-130 as it does not agree with the
177 Ordinance. A discussion was held regarding the dollar amount. Councilman
178 Puzzo made a motion to amend the Resolution seconded by Councilman Ryan.

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180 After further review Councilman Puzzo felt the Resolution was correct.
181 Councilman Puzzo withdrew his motion and Councilman Ryan withdrew his
182 second.
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184 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo, voted yes
185 Ordinance introduced. Council LaBianco was absent.,
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187 Introduction of Ordinance 09-05 entitled
188 **ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET**
189 **APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**
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191 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**
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193 A motion made by Councilperson Puzzo seconded by Councilperson Dwarica to
194 Introduce Ordinance 09-05
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196 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo, voted
197 yes. Councilman LaBianco was absent. Ordinance introduced.
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199 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
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201 2005 Municipal Budget –Resolution 05-117 Mayor Cherchi suggested that since the
202 budget was not available until tonight if everyone felt comfortable it could be done at the
203 next meeting. The Budget will be held until next week.
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205 Jake Brake – Councilman Puzzo has removed this item indefinitely.
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207 Siren Tower/Cellular Antenna Questions & Response & Proposal – The Council
208 reviewed and discussed changes that need to be made to the proposal. It was decided to
209 have the Borough Administrator review and contact the Cingular regarding our concerns.
210 Copies were distributed to the LFD for their input.
211

212 Revaluation and Reassessment Extension
213 Mayor Cherchi reported that the request for an extension has been denied and he is
214 waiting for information from the assessor
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216 **NEW BUSINESS**
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218 Rescue Truck-Hiring of Consultant- A discussion was held regarding the purchase and
219 hiring of a consultant to purchase a rescue truck for the Fire Department.
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221 A motion was made by Councilperson Mitrani seconded by Councilperson Ryan to spend
222 \$300 to evaluate the truck by AMT to report if it can be refurbished. Roll Call
223 Councilpersons Dwarica, Mitrani, Ryan voted yes Councilpersons Heveran and Puzzo
224 voted no motion carried.
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226 **CORRESPONDENCE**
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228 Councilman Ryan reported that approximately 15 tons of asphalt patch have been used to
229 repair potholes since February.

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231 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
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233 Robert Pawlick 111 Highwood Avenue – Asked why it takes so long to push things
234 along. Tried to push across a Temporary Budget and out jumps \$64,000 in legal fees.
235 You are ready to push \$64,000 across the table and no one asked where the legal fees are
236 going. You are ready to spend \$300 for a report. I drive that truck I have seen it fail
237 time after time. You are talking about the safety of this town. You are talking about
238 \$3,000 to have someone write a report. There is a fire house in Pennsylvania that can use
239 this truck. We are a mile away from New York City. If there is wrong situation over
240 there, we had better be in the right vehicle not one that is 26 or 27 years old. It is not
241 going to get cheaper.
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243 Dave Haenelt Fire Marshall - asked if the Fire Prevention vehicle was going to be taken
244 away. Mayor stated it has been discussed and it is under consideration. Mr. Haenelt said
245 the only cost of the vehicle is gasoline and insurance. It is maintained from Fire
246 Prevention Penalty funds. The vehicle is twelve years old with 81,000 miles.
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248 There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:06pm by
249 Councilperson Heveran seconded by Councilperson Ryan. All in favor none opposed
250 meeting adjourned.
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252 Respectfully submitted,
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255 Fran Lehmann
256 Borough Clerk
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